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The Silver Horde

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MEYER

Synopsis of Previous Chapters.

Boyd Emerson and "Fingerless" Fraser enter Katvik, Alaska, and meet a young white woman, Cherry Malotte, who shelters them.

Cherry describes the salmon fisheries and, Marsh, the unscrupulous head of the Katvik canneries.

Cherry owns a cannery site. Emerson, George and Emerson nearly lose their lives in Katmal pass and miss the steamer at Katmal on their way out to get capital.

After dreadful privations they catch the boat at Katvik and are soon en route for Chicago. Emerson seeks Miss Mildred Wayland.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

The old Russian village of Katvik lies on the opposite side of the island from the canneries, a bleak, wind swept relic of the country's first occupation, and, although peopled largely by natives and breeds, there is also a considerable white population, to whom Christmas is a season of thanksgiving and celebration, and it caused much comment when late on Christmas afternoon an ice burdened canoe, bearing three strange white men, landed on the beach beside the dock—or were they white men, after all? Their faces were so blackened and split from the frost they seemed to be raw bleeding masks, and their hands were cracked and stiff beneath their mittens. They were hollow eyed and gaunt, their cheeks sunken away as if from a wasting illness, and they could not walk but crept across the snow covered shingle on hands and knees, then, reaching the street, hobbled painfully, while their limbs gave way as if paralyzed.

A week later Boyd and George were watching the lights of Port Townsend blink out in the gloom astra. A quick change of boats at Juneau had raised their spirits, enabling them to complete the second stage of their journey in less than the expected time.

"I suppose a fellow has got to dress pretty swell back there in Chicago," George ventured. "Full dress suits of clothes, eh?"

"Yes."

"Did you ever wear one?"

"Certainly."

"Well, I'll be"—The fisherman checked himself and gazed at his companion as if he saw him suddenly in a new light. "Right along?" he questioned incredulously.

"Why, yes; pretty steadily."

"All day at a time?"

Boyd laughed. "I haven't worn one in the daytime since I left college. They are used only at night."

"A fellow told me a funny thing once," went on George. "He said them rich men back east had women come around and clean their finger nails and shine 'em up. Is that right?"

"Quite right."

"Well, I don't suppose you ever had 'em—shine your finger nails, did you?"

"Yes."

The big man opened his mouth to speak, then, evidently changing his mind, observed, "Seems to me I'd better stay here on the coast and wait for you."

"No, indeed!" the other answered quickly. "I will need you in raising that money. You know the practical side of the fishing business, and I don't."

Finally the steamer docked, and the three men put up at a hotel.

"You better train me up to wearing a dress suit before we get east," George warned, "or I'll make your swell friends sore and spoil the deal. I could wear it on the cars and get easy in it."

"My dear fellow, it takes more than a week to 'get easy' in a dress suit," Boyd smiled, amused at his earnestness, for the big fellow was merely a boy out on a wonderful vacation.

"Well, if there is a down east manure woman in Seattle show her to me, and I'll practice on her," he insisted.

"She can halter break me at least."

It was the labor of several hours to fit Big George's bulky frame, and when the two returned to the hotel Emerson found the representative of an afternoon newspaper anxiously awaiting him at the desk.

"Mr. Athens sent me down to get a story."

"Athens—Billy Athens?"

"Yes. He is the editor. I believe you two were college mates. He wanted to know if you are the Boyd Emerson of the Michigan football team."

"Well, well," Boyd mused. "Billy Athens was a good tackle."

"He thought you might have something interesting to tell about Alaska. Your partner has been telling me all about you and your trip and your great success."

"My partner?"

"Yes. Mr. Frohisher volunteered an interview in your name."

"Frohisher?" said Emerson.

"Sure. That's him over yonder." The reporter indicated "Fingerless" Fraser, who, having watched the interview from a distance, now solemnly closed one eye and stuck his tongue into his cheek.

"Oh, yes, yes—Frohisher!" Boyd stammered. "Certainly!"

"He is a character, isn't he? He told me how you rescued that girl when she broke through the ice at Katvik."

"He did?"

"Quite a romance, isn't it? It's a good newspaper story, and I'll play it up. He is going to let me in on that hydraulic proposition of yours too. Of course I haven't much money, but it sounds great, and—"

"How far along did you get with your negotiations about this hydraulic proposition?" Boyd asked curiously.

"Just far enough so I'm all on edge for it. I'll make up a little pool among the boys at the office and have the money down here before you leave tonight."

"I am sorry, but Mr. Frohisher and I will have to talk it over first," said Emerson grimly. "I think we will keep that 'hydraulic proposition' in the family, so to speak."

"Then you won't let me in?"

"Not just at present."

"I'm sorry. I should like to take a chance with somebody who is really successful at mining. When a fellow drowns along on a salary month after month it makes him envious to see you Klondikers hit town with satchels full of coin. Perhaps you will give me a chance later on?"

"Perhaps," accented Boyd, but when the young man had gone he strode quickly over to Fraser.

"Look here, Mr. 'Frohisher,'" he said in a low tone, "what do you mean by mixing me up in your petty larceny franks?"

Fraser grinned. "Frohisher is no moniker, ah't it? It sounds like the money. I believe I'll stick to 'Frohisher.'"

"I spiked your miserable little scheme, and if you try anything more like that I'll have to cut you out altogether."

"Fshaw!" said the adventurer mildly. "Did you say that hydraulic mine was no good? Too bad! That reporter agreed to take some stock right away."

"Now, see here, Fraser, I want you to leave me out of your machinations absolutely. You've been very decent to me in many ways, but if I hear of anything more like this I shall hand you over to the police."

"Don't be a sucker all your life," admonished the rogue. "You stick to me and I'll make you a lot of money. I like you."

Emerson, now seriously angry, wheeled and left him, realizing that the fellow was morally atrophied. He could not forget, however, that except for this impossible creature he himself

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would be lying at Petellin's store at Katmal with no faintest hope of completing his mission, wherefore he did his best to swallow his indignation.

Boyd hurried to a telegraph office and despatched two messages to Chicago, one addressed to his own tailor, the other to a number on Lake Shore drive. Over the latter he pondered long, tearing up several drafts which did not suit him, finally giving one to the operator with an odd mingling of timidity and defiance. This done, he hastened to one of the leading banks, and two hours later returned to the hotel, jubilant.

He found Big George in the lobby, staring with fascinated eyes at his finger nails, which were strangely purified and glossy.

"Look at 'em," the fisherman broke out admiringly. "They're as clean as a bound's tooth. They shine so I dastent take hold of anything."

"I have made my deal with the bank," Boyd exulted. "All I need to raise now is \$100,000. The bank will advance the rest. That \$100,000 makes all the difference in the world. The task is easy now. We will make it go sure. These bankers know what that salmon business is. Why, I had no trouble at all. They say we can't lose if we have a good site on the Katvik river."

That evening Boyd and George started away, but could not locate Fraser. When the train pulled out a familiar voice greeted them:

"Hello, you"—and there was Fraser, grinning.

"What are you doing here?"

"Oh, I'm on my way east."

"Whereabouts east?"

"Chicago, ain't it? I thought that was what you said." He seated himself and lighted another long cigar.

(To Be Continued.)

LAS CRUCES AND MESILLA VALLEY

NEW LAND RULING AT CRUCES OFFICE

Applications for Land Must Now Be Filed in Duplicate to Prevent Fraud.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—Receiver R. H. Sims, of the local land office, has been notified by a ruling from the general land department at Washington relative to contested homestead and other claims.

Hereafter applications for land must be made in duplicate, one copy to be filed in the local office and the other sent to the chief of the field division. This is done in order that those who induce their friends to take up land and afterwards relinquish the right to the proposer, will be unable to have the right of way over other people. If the original homesteader relinquishes his title, it has hitherto been the custom for the local office to settle the case when another land claim to the relinquished land. Hereafter, these cases will come before the chief of the field division, whose duty it shall be to investigate the existing conditions and determine whether or not there has been collusion between the original filer and the contesting party.

The chief of the field division, who will have jurisdiction over the local office, will be located at Santa Fe, his territory covering New Mexico, Arizona and part of Colorado.

MANY CRUCES VISITORS FROM VALLEY TOWNS

Two Months Old Baby Dies; Chicago Man Returns From Prospecting Trip; Mark Thompson Improves.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—Professor H. H. Simpson, of the department of animal industry at the Agricultural college, was in the city yesterday.

The two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Paquet died on Tuesday night from infantile trouble, the funeral occurring yesterday.

Frank J. Amador has returned from a business trip to El Paso.

Mrs. J. O. Miller, of Agricultural college, was in Las Cruces yesterday.

Miss Pearl Miller, sister of Prof. J. O. Miller, the registrar at the Agricultural college, is making her home with her brother. She is the new head of the household economics department.

D. V. Peacock is spending the week in the lower end of the county on political business.

Prof. R. F. Hare, of Agricultural college, was in the city yesterday on his way to his ranch near Lasburg.

Surveyor Charles L. Post has been spending the past two days on business at Lasburg.

Harry H. Addams, of Chicago, who has been in New Mexico for the past

three months studying local conditions, and who has been in the Organ mountain district for the last three weeks, was in the city yesterday on his way home.

Much interest is being manifested in the coming speech of John Z. White, which will be given at the armory on Aug. 31.

The past three days have been terrible scorches, but they were not quite so warm as the political situation in Dona Ana county.

C. O'Hara returned yesterday from Berlin, where he addressed a political meeting.

J. H. Alexander, of Muncie, Ind., came down yesterday from Albuquerque, where he has been staying for three weeks.

Mrs. John George Miller and daughter went to Santa Fe last night.

Mark R. Thompson's condition is much improved and it is expected that he will soon be able to be at his office.

Professor J. D. Tinsley, formerly in charge of the department of soil physics at the Agricultural college, and who is now doing special field work to the Santa Fe railroad, is preparing to move his residence to Albuquerque.

Invitations are out for a reception by Mrs. R. L. Faulkner in honor of her sister, Mrs. James A. Gray, for the afternoon of Aug. 26. The feature of the afternoon will be the game of 500.

CONTRACT LET FOR MESILLA SCHOOL

Las Cruces Firm Is Lowest Bidder; Work Will Start at Once.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—Mesilla is to have one of the finest school buildings of any town of its size in the territory of New Mexico. Yesterday bids were opened at the office of A. J. Fountain in the town of Mesilla. After carefully considering each bid the contract was finally given to the Las Cruces Lumber company, of this city, for \$2800. This bid is for the building complete but does not include the cost of grading and electric wiring.

It is expected that work on the new structure will start within a few days. The following were the bids which were received.

T. R. Francis, El Paso, \$13,770; J. C. Worthington, El Paso, \$10,750; Pascom-Porter company, Las Cruces, \$10,425; Medinger & Shaw, Las Cruces, \$9,775; Kroeger & Minder, El Paso, \$8,991; Kerr & Budette, El Paso, \$8,903; J. S. Bradt, El Paso, \$8,789; Las Cruces Lumber company, Las Cruces, \$2,800.

CRUCES OFFICIALS GOING TO MISSOURI

Summoned to Attend Investigation of Otero County Land Deals.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—Receiver R. H. Sims, of the local land office, has been summoned to appear before a federal court when it convenes at St. Joseph, Mo., on Sept. 19. Mr. Sims has also been requested to bring the books and records of the local land office, which have a bearing on a controversy on the land trouble in Otero county. This was the case in which fraud was alleged in the obtaining of public land, it being claimed that quite a number of people made application for such land for the purpose of turning it all over to one party.

H. D. Bowman, former receiver of the land office, and during whose term of office the case first came up, will also be asked to appear in order that the history of the proceeding can be carefully gone into.

LAS CRUCES ROSES ARE GROWN IN THE OPEN AIR

Many Varieties Raised by Irrigation Surpass Those Raised by Florists in Hothouses There.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—Mrs. John Moore has one of the finest collections of roses in her yard north of Las Cruces on the Alameda road that one could wish to see. The bushes are covered with flowers at the present time, many of the tea and other hybrids, rivaling the grown by nurserymen with hothouse facilities. These roses are grown out of doors and irrigated by river water when that is obtainable. In case of drouth a small gasoline engine is used to pump the water onto the bushes. Besides roses, the yard is also occupied by flowering and ornamental plants of other varieties, all of which have proved most successful.

LAS CRUCES SURVEYORS SEEKING THE MERIDIAN

Two New Mexico Principal Meridians Are at Present in Evidence Where There Should Be Only One.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—Prof. C. T. Hazzerty returned last evening from the American Bend neighborhood, where he had been for two days doing surveying work. The various surveyors of the valley are at present trying to locate the true principal New Mexican meridian, there being at present two of them in evidence.

LORETTO ACADEMY WILL BEGIN SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 5

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 24.—Loretto academy has already donned its scholastic attire and a number of pupils have entered, while applications are received daily from various points of New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Arkansas.

Prospects were never better and this promises to be the "banner year" of the institution.

Two sisters of the academy will meet the girls coming by way of El Paso in that city the third of September and accompany them to Las Cruces.

Classes will be organized on Monday the 5th.

Miss Williams, the business manager of the Loretto academy, has taken up the work and the Crescent will be published quarterly, the first issue appearing in October.

William Kelly, of Cananea, Mexico, has entered his daughter at Loretto. Miss Kelly is recently from Butte, Montana, and is much pleased with the academy and the sunny climate of New Mexico.

The Hotel Dieu sisters of charity are the guests of the sisters of Loretto, Las Cruces, N. M., today.

CRUCES POLITICIANS WILL ADDRESS THE CIVIC LEAGUE

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—The Las Cruces Civic league has invited the candidates of both the machine and the independent ticket and the People's ticket to address the league members at a public meeting to be held in this city some time next week.

NEW SECRETARY FOR ELKS ELECTED AT LAS CRUCES

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—Las Cruces lodge No. 1119, B. P. O. Elks, has elected professor H. S. Squires as secretary to succeed E. P. Roberts, who resigned because of lack of time to attend

to the duties of the office. Five petitions for new members have been received by the lodge in the past two weeks.

HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHED BY TWO POLITICAL PARTIES

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 25.—The People's party has established headquarters for the campaign at Bonham's law offices on Main street. The Republican party has established its headquarters at the offices of the Peacock Realty company, at least for the present.

MINING AND OIL NEWS.

TIGRE PROPERTIES BEING DEVELOPED

Mines of the Fortuna Company in Sonora District Also Most Active.

"The North Tigre mine in Sonora, Mexico," says secretary J. N. Sanburn, "is being steadily developed, and while we have no phenomenally rich strikes to report, still the results are satisfactory."

"Development work is being prosecuted by a series of tunnels driven in on the vein, one above the other, 100 feet apart. These tunnels, 275 feet, 354 feet, 325 feet, and 1000 feet, respectively, are all in ore, there being no dead work as they are all in the vein, which is the same vein as the main working vein of the famous Tigre. The North Tigre has 5000 tons of 320 ore blocked out."

"The main work at the present time is being done in what is called No. 12, which is a crosscut tunnel, being run from the side of the mountain on the west and run in an eastern direction toward the vein. This is already 286 feet and will have to go 180 feet more to intersect the vein, where it will be 368 feet below the lowest tunnel above mentioned."

The Fortuna.

Mr. Sanburn, who is also secretary of the Fortuna company, operating in the same camp on the west side of the Tigre, says: "The usual work is going on in the two properties of this company, the Fortuna and the Verdadero Tigre. This work is a little peculiar, inasmuch as we are utilizing the crosscut tunnel that the Tigre company ran through our property from the west side of the mountain, to intersect their veins. They cut the Sooy vein and continued on to cut the other vein. Now, the Sooy vein outcrops on our Fortuna and Verdadero Tigre claims, and under the arrangements we made with the Tigre people, we are using the crosscut tunnel and are drifting southward in the Sooy vein and shall continue onward to the extreme south end of our property."

LA REPUBLICA HAS RESUMED ITS WORK

Ore Production Has Been Showing High Values During Past Month.

"Mining in the recently unwarmed workings of La Republica mine in western Chihuahua, Mexico, has been resumed," says secretary Charles C. Montford. "Some timbering is being done preparatory to resuming sinking in the winze in the drift, which is the lowest workings. Consulting engineer J. Gordon Hardy, who has been at Pacific Grove all summer, will return here soon and proceed down to the mine."

July Milling Results Good.

"The stamp mill worked only nine hours during July, crushing nine tons of an average value of 26 ounces silver per ton. Two hundred and ninety-six tons of tailings were treated, average assay 35 ounces silver."

"The bullion produced was 9771 fine ounces; the concentrates produced contained 1196 ounces silver. The whole product was held at the mine."

"From August 1 to 8 inclusive 44 tons of material were treated, assaying 30 ounces silver per ton. The tons of concentrates made was 6248, assaying 1400 ounces silver. The bullion made was 9771 fine ounces of silver. Net value of concentrates and bullion made was \$5055 U. S. currency."

"From August 9 to August 15, inclusive, the battery hours were only 59, and tons of ore milled were 87, assaying 37 ounces silver per ton. The tons of concentrates made were 1426, assaying 1979 ounces silver. The net smelter value of concentrates made, estimated at \$1350 U. S. currency."

STAMP MILL BURNS NEAR SAN MARCIAL

Miner Reports Accident in Development Work.

J. C. Hanson, a mining man of El Paso, who is interested in Rosedale mining camp, 30 miles west of San Marcial, N. M., in the San Mateo mountains, says the 20 stamp and tube mill of the Rosedale Mining and Milling company, was burned a couple of weeks ago. The owners are Elkhart, Indiana, capitalists. The mine is a gold proposition, the gold occurring in quartz-porphry. The company has about \$200,000 worth of milling ore blocked out, running about \$10 per ton. Rosedale is distinctively a gold camp.

The White Cap, belonging to Mr. Lane, of San Marcial, has a shaft 200 feet, showing extremely rich gold ore. The vein is four feet wide, averaging \$15 per ton.

"The Rosedale mine," says Mr. Hanson, "has paid all expenses of development and the cost of equipment from 15 feet depth down, and I believe it is going to be one of the greatest gold districts in the southwest."

ALEMANIA COMPANY WILL SINK A DEEP SHAFT.

James H. Parker, consulting engineer of the Alemania mine in El Oro district, Mexico, left Tuesday night for that camp over the Mexican National, in response to a telegram received the same day. He said that it is determined by the management to sink a shaft to reach a greater depth than the present tunneling system attains. This property lies in the rich gold camp, which is the greatest gold producer in Mexico.

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